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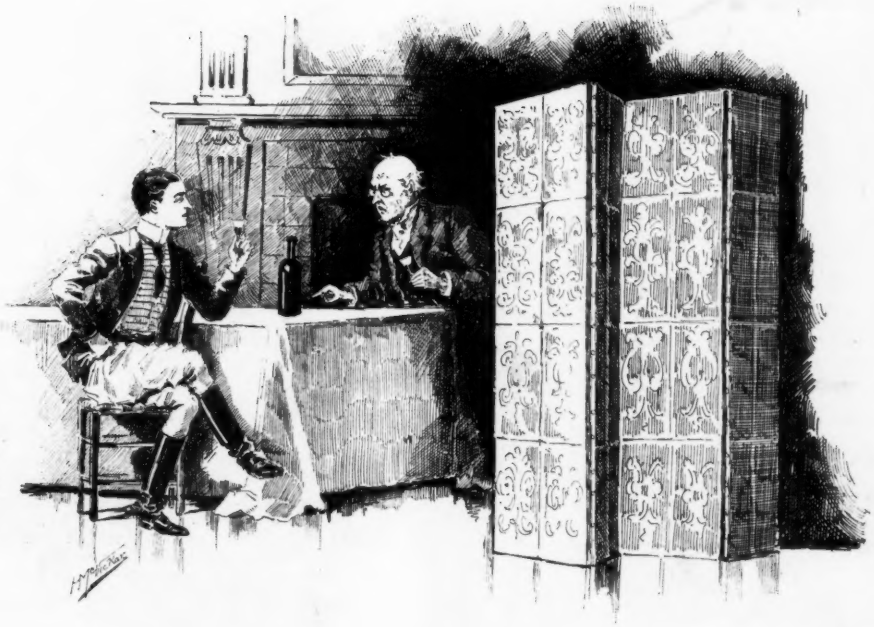

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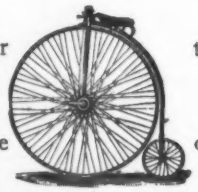

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Miss Penelope Peachblow: COUSIN TOM HAS JUST COME BACK FROM COLLEGE.
Mr. H. Pemberton Wytt: AW, I SUPPOSE YOUR GOVERNOR WILL WANT TO KILL THE FATTED CALF.
Miss Penelope Peachblow: YES, BUT DON'T GO AWAY ON THAT ACCOUNT.

EXPLICIT DIRECTIONS.

STRANGER (*stopping over Sunday in Kansas City*): Sir, can you direct me to the ball grounds?

RESIDENT: Cert'nly. There's Dr. Dewitt's congregation coming out; just follow the crowd.

OSCAR WILDE will not edit *Woman's World* after September. Now is the time to subscribe.

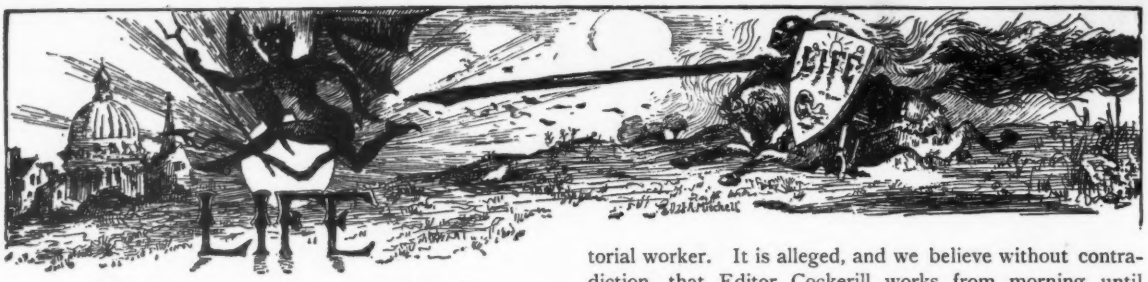
AT ANY SUMMER HOTEL.

DAGSBY (*an arrival*): By the way, Binthair, how's the waiting managed here?

BINTHAIR (*with a sigh*): Oh, the guests do all that.

"WHO *is* that man with the abstracted air?"

"Sh-h-h, don't disturb him; he's thinking; he voted for Harrison."



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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ANOTHER American girl is said to have published her disposition toward a foreign prince. The prince wants to marry her, so it is said, and she is willing. Her father is a very generous gentlemen of amazingly adequate circumstances. He said, as he took ship for Europe, that he didn't know anything about the story except what the newspapers had told him. No doubt his consent will be regarded by the young people as almost indispensably useful; if he doesn't give it the match may be off—if it has really been on—wherefore LIFE prefers not to disclose the names of the parties until the halo of certainty circles more visibly around the reports.

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IT is simply disgusting that American girls with wealthy parents should marry these titled gentlemen. Not that the titled are always such bad fellows, though of those who hunt fortunes the less that is expected the better. Nor is the objection mainly one of expense. Such Americans as Mr. Mackay, or Mr. Huntington, or the estate of the late Mr. Caldwell, can include a prince or two in their families and never feel it. The trouble is that in the lady's case it is a swapping of her birthright for a mess of pottage, and one, too, that is all too liable to prove long of mess and egregiously short of pottage. Of what account is it to her that Thomas Jefferson perspired, and our other forefathers fought and bled in the Revolution to be quit of titles and class distinctions? Silly creature, with the substance well in hand she flings herself after the shadow. For a woman who is born a princess there is excuse; for a woman raised in a country where princes are the fashion, who yields to inducements and marries one, there is something to be said; but American girls who allow themselves to be snapped up by one of those *maigres* should be taught to look abroad for all their triumphs. For such dames who wipe off from their shoes our rich American soil, top-dressed with liberty, no extenuation that we can conceive of should be accepted as adequate. Drat them! Let them live abroad!

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AN interesting discussion prevails more or less in the daily press as to whether Editor Dana, of the *Sun*, or Editor Cockerill, of the *World*, is the more industrious editorial worker. It is alleged, and we believe without contradiction, that Editor Cockerill works from morning until night on the *World*, while Editor Dana works on the *Sun* from morning till late in the afternoon. On the other hand it is asserted that Editor Dana works like Sam Hill while he is at it, and doubt is expressed whether Editor Cockerill works so hard.

No one seems to have considered that the difference of tools should be regarded in such a discussion. If Editor Dana, for example, works with a fine-tooth comb to keep rubbish out of the *Sun*, while Colonel Cockerill performs a similar office for the *World* with a garden rake, no comparison of value could be made as to the strenuousness of these two forms of labor, because their quality is so different. Another thing that would have to be known before a real comparison could be made is how much of Colonel Cockerill's time is occupied daily in persuading Colonel Pulitzer to continue in command of the *World's* Paris Bureau, and how great an inroad in Chairman Dana's office hours is made by expeditions in search of a site for the World's Fair.

It seems impossible to come to any conclusion about the labor of these editors except by considering what it produces. By their fruits we must know them.

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THE appearance of the President's hat is explained by the fact that an admirer sat on it.—*From a Recent Associated Press Dispatch.*

When, oh when, men and brethren, will an analogous fact rise up and explain the disappearance of Baby McKee!

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SO far as can be determined from the present status of matters in the Behring Sea, the popular trip next winter will be to Montreal, for the Carnival, perhaps, but certainly for a new sealskin coat. Sealskins will be as cheap in Canada as American naval glories in Behring Sea.

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MRS. HELEN E. STARRETT claims to foresee the day when housework will be done by a syndicate, and there will be no more hired girls. Doubtless the thought of the abolition of the hired girl will be hailed with joy by thousands of mistresses, but not with more joy than the abolition of mistresses by thousands of hired girls. Meanwhile, while the hired girl still remains "in our midst," domestic peace might be promoted by opening of schools of diplomacy for mistresses. The great mistake that many mistresses seem to start with is that they have a natural right to the services of hired girls. If they can't enforce their right they feel injured and cheated. The sooner they realize that they have no such right, and the sooner they take steps to create some valid obligation for a possible hired girl to discharge the better for their comfort.

DR. BROWN-SEQUARD has not discovered the true Elixir of LIFE. The genuine article is prepared only by us, and is furnished to our readers fifty-two times a year at a merely nominal price. As long as it is taken regularly the consumer may laugh and grow fat, but will certainly never grow old. Scientists, like the Doctor, are not to be blamed for trying to discover the secret, but they are on the wrong track. Guinea pigs and hypodermics have nothing to do with it. It is distilled from smiles and sunbeams, and is taken by absorption. There is no danger from blood-poisoning in its use, and there are no disagreeable after-effects.

DANIEL PRATT, the great American Traveler isn't in it at all. President Harrison has snatched the laurels from that patriarch. The President's peregrinations in search of the True, the Good, and the Beautiful, naturally took him to the State of Maine. There, on the rock-bound shore, he has had the privilege of sharing with his Secretary of State that inspiration from nature which has made the name of Blaine synonymous with all that's pure and unselfish in politics.

IF you want a receipt for that popular mystery known to the world as a heavy dragoon, you need only apply at Windsor Castle for it. Perhaps Grandson Willie, the Fmperor of Germany, possesses a grim sense of humor and had in mind the way his grandma dragoons the members of her own family when he selected a dragoon regiment for her colonelcy. If this young man continues in his facetious career we may next hear of his teaching her how to suck eggs.

OUR FRESH AIR FUND

Checks for Fresh Air Fund should be drawn to the order of LIFE.

THE other day five little children before leaving LIFE'S village wrote a letter to our superintendent. It ended with these words:

We have had great appetites and thank you for all you have given us to eat. We have tried to be good and we hope you will let us come again.

Certainly they shall come again; and there are many thousands who have not been once. They are crowded together in wretched

tenements, many of them growing weaker and thinner as the summer advances. They are surrounded by suffering, and their lives are an up-hill struggle against disease.

Your money will do a positive and perceptible good in giving these little ones a chance for happiness and strength.

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Proceeds of a tiny Fair held by little girls at the Octagon House, Seabright, N. J.	9.00
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Portion of Receipts for Tickets to inspect the White Star Line's Steamer "*Teutonic*," Monday, August 19, 1889	100.00
"In Memoriam F."	10.00
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From 70 So. Broad St.	1.25
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C. A. C.	20.00
A "Democrat"	10.00
From 304	15.00
Proceeds of play "The Rehearses," by the S. S. S. Six at Salt Sulphur Springs, Va.	6.25
Rannie, San Francisco	4.00
Eleanor S. Ware	4.00
Mrs. E. T. W. Stratford	4.00
E. K. A.	5.00
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From Helen and Amy	2.00
M. A. S.	4.00
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BOOKISHNESS

"THE ARROGANCE OF OPTIMISM."

THE arrogance of optimism will probably cease to exert itself when it has received from evolution a disclosure of its own hypocrisy. For very few of us can live at all without being, in a measure, pessimists.—*Edgar Fawcett's "Agnosticism."*

This is not the pulpit for a philosophical discussion, and, if it were, Edgar Fawcett could hardly furnish the text. He stands, however, for a phase of opinion which is more or less prevalent in old communities of the East. It seems to be the regular thing for a certain grade of intelligence (when it realizes for the first time its limitations) to exhibit its chagrin by crying out that "the game is not worth the candle," at best, and it, therefore, withdraws from the contest and devotes its energies to croaking at those who still find some enjoyment in the pageant. It is not optimism, but pessimism which in these days is insufferably arrogant. Between the old Puritan who made life gloomy with his unceasing cry that all are on the road to perdition, and the modern pessimist who perpetually asserts here that in this life all are in perdition—there is little choice. We have the advantage over the latter, however, because we know that this life is not so terrible as he makes it, whereas the old Puritan had a great possibility on his side.

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TRULY, the optimist is the least arrogant of men. His serenity is of a kind which needs not to assert itself at the expense of the feelings of other people. He merely assumes the brave attitude toward life instead of the cowardly one. He takes evolution at its word so far as revealed, and hopes for the survival of the best. The pessimist may puzzle him—but he remembers that certain forms revert—that there is devolution as well as evolution.

As a Nation, he knows that we are optimists. Throughout the great West the prevailing mental attitude is one of

AGE'S RETROSPECT.

extreme hopefulness. Every town is on the edge of a boom; every man is about to achieve a fortune. As Labouchere said of Mr. Gladstone, they are "always just about to usher in the millenium." Whether right or wrong—it is this spirit which accomplishes great deeds. We can be sure of one thing, at any rate—that deeds are better than groans. If this is the "arrogance of optimism," then let the humility of pessimism be made a crime.

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IT is pleasant to have reprinted in the Knickerbocker Nugget series (Putnam) Mr. Parke Godwin's translation of several tales by H. Zschökke, made more than forty years ago. The story of "A New Year's Eve," when a Prince and a Watchman changed places for a brief half-hour, is charming in its simplicity and humor. There is more color in this tale than in any of the others, which are at times too fantastic and elusive for modern tastes.

Droch.

NEW BOOKS.

SEVEN THOUSAND WORDS OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED. By W. H. P. Phyfe. New York and London: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

Miss Shafto. By W. E. Norris. New York: Henry Holt Company.

Her Sacrifice. By F. W. Pearson. New York: The Minerva Publishing Company.

THE QUARREL.

She: CLIFFORD, I DIDN'T MEAN TO WOUND YOUR YOUNG HEART. I SPOKE TOO HASTILY!

He (sotto voce and huskily): BRACE UP, CLIFFORD, AND LET HER SEE YOU ARE A MAN.

"SO YOU HAD YOUNG BEAUMASH ALL THE EVENING. DID YOU NOTICE HIS LOVELY EYES?"

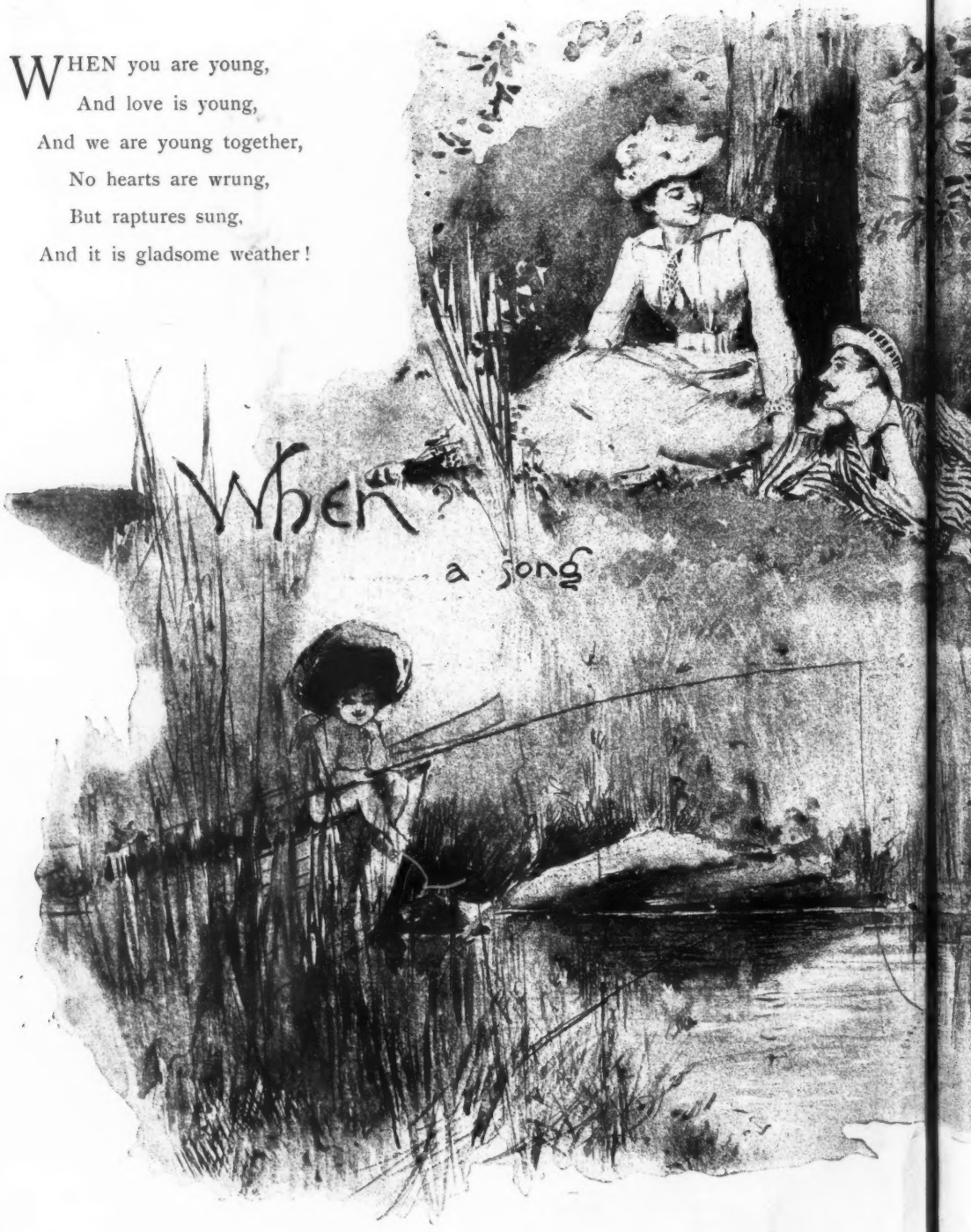
"NO, DEAR, I WAS TOO BUSY LISTENING TO HIS CLOTHES."

DULL DIGGINGS AT THE GROCERY STORE.

First Fly: WELL, HAVE YOU STRUCK ANYTHING YET?

Second Fly: NOTHING BUT A DECEASED SAND-CRAB, A PIECE OF SEA-WEED AND A FEW PIECES OF BROKEN SHELLS, BUT I THINK I SMELL A GRAIN OF SUGAR NOT FAR OFF.

WHEN you are young,
And love is young,
And we are young together,
No hearts are wrung,
But raptures sung,
And it is gladsome weather!



When you are old,
And love is old,
And we are old together,
Will hearts be cold,
And love's tale told,
And it be dreary weather?

Wm. Clyde Fitch.

ENTERPRISE.

A TRIFLE MIXED.

MAJOR JONES: See here, Rosy, you've brought me up one button boot and one lace boot. How is that?

ROSY (*a fresh importation*): Faith an they's a mishtake somewhere, sur, but divil a bit do Oi know where it is. Shure an the other pair down shtairs is in the same fix.

IN missionary land they never ask "Is the preacher through?" They say "Is he done?"

COURTSHIP is a transport.

THE RESULT.

ODE TO A TAILOR.

IN life thy worth we never knew—
We judged you merely by your clothes;
But at thy grave man stops to think
How much to thee he really owes.

BLOOD IS THINNER THAN BEER.

MAGISTRATE: O'Rally, you are charged with assaulting and brutally beating Michael McDooly at the reunion of the O'Rally family yesterday. Have you anything to say?

O'RALLY: Yes, yer Honor. The bloke's an imposthor, sorr, and hasn't wan dhrop av the O'Rally blood in his skin, begorra. Niver laid me eyes on him afore, yer Honor, an' he dhrank oop all av the beer.

MAGISTRATE: How is this, McDooly? Are you a kinsman of the prisoner?

McDOOLY: Faix, an' sure it is that I am, yer Honor; his grandfather wor Pathrick O Rally av Belfast, an' ——

O'RALLY: An' bedad, phat do that prove, yer Worship?

McDOOLY: An' Pathrick O'Rally's dochter marrit me own ——

O'RALLY: He's lyin', yer Honor; he's lying. Me grandfather niver had any cheeldren at all, at all, sorr!

JAWKINS (*angrily*): Hey, boy! How do you dare to get on this weighing machine with me?

BOY: Jus' git our total, boss, an' then I'll jump off, and when I see how much you weigh then I'll know how much I weigh. See?

Father: WILLIAM, YOU ARE RUNNING UP ENORMOUS DEBTS AROUND TOWN. YOU MUST REMEMBER YOUR UNCLE IS NOT DEAD YET.

His Uncle's Heir: YES, BUT HE HAS DISCHARGED HIS DOCTORS AND IS NOW UNDERGOING TREATMENT BY A CHRISTIAN SCIENTIST.

TO PYRRHA.

IF days were always decorous and mild,
If nights were never dark and strange and wild,
If flowers blossomed ceaseless through the year,
If woods were always gay and never drear,
If the river danced forever in the sun,
If songs of twittering birds were never done,
This glorious world a wretched bore would be—
A bore insufferable to you and me.

If you were always decorous and mild,
And never wicked, obstinate and wild;
If only smiles and laughter through the year
Grew on your lips, and you were never drear;
If shadows never dimmed your starlit eyes,
If songs were always yours, and never sighs;
You, Pyrrha, too, would be as much a bore
As other folks, and I don't know but more.

Willis Gleed.

LOVER (*ardently*): I love the very ground you tread on.

HEIRESS: I thought it was the farm you were after.

Rescuer: I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS FALSE WHEN I GRABBED IT. GIVE ME YOUR HAND.

Drowning Party: ARE THERE MANY PEOPLE ON THE BEACH?

Rescuer: YES.

Drowning Party: LET ME DROWN.

"YOUR BROTHER OUGHT TO MARRY. HE IS TOO GOOD A MAN TO BE WASTED."

"BUT HE THINKS HE OUGHN'T TO, YOU KNOW, BECAUSE HE'S A MINISTER."

"AND WHY SHOULDN'T A MINISTER MARRY IF HE WANTS TO?"

"I SUPPOSE IT IS BECAUSE HE MAY HAVE A SON, AND YOU KNOW WHAT A MINISTER'S SON USUALLY IS."

THE RIVALS.

BABY MCKEE: Who is that boy across the street, Grandpa?

GRANDPA: That's Little Lord Fauntleroy, Benny.

BABY MCKEE: He must go, Grandpa,—he must go! This hemisis not big enough for both of us!

KNICKER: Did you heah what was the mattah with Chappie De Twott?

BOCKER: Nervous pwostwation caused by ovah-exertion, I believe, aw. He twied to carwy a Sunday papah home alone.

"OH, dear! I'm all out of breath!" panted the onion as the grocer's boy hustled him into the kitchen."

"You won't be, long," remarked the cook, gently dropping him into the *consommé.*

THE EVOLUTION OF THE GREEN APPLE.

A GENTLEMAN OF ENGLAND.

A QUERY.

IT is so precious sweet to be a fool,
A pretty little petted simpleton,
And let the great big-hearted fellow you have won
Believe that he is captor, and his rule
Imperative, while round your fingers' tips,
You wind him with a smile or part of lips.
Who would be large and wise, and boastful rule,
When it's so "cute" to be a little fool?

Madge Morris.

NOTES FROM CHICAGO.

WHILE bear hunting in the 198th Ward, Ephraim Peterson had the misfortune to discharge his gun at his feet, which disabled him. He crawled three miles to the nearest house, and then fainted. One foot had to be amputated.

Farmer Marigold, of the 311th Ward, says his wheat crop this year is the best he has raised. He challenges any farmer in the city limits to beat his crop.

Three highwaymen held up the stage running between the 279th and the 281st Wards, night before last, and cleared $340 from the passengers.

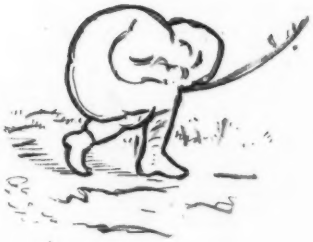
Joseph Colby, a letter carrier, was attacked by a ferocious sheep-dog on Mr. Shoninger's ranch, in the 401st Ward, while making his rounds yesterday. Colby was quite severely injured.

The society people of the 349th Ward are making arrangements to hold a big corn husking as soon as harvest is over.

The accommodation train which left Union Station at seven o'clock this morning, broke an axle at 4.30 p. m., while passing through the 292d Ward, delaying traffic two hours.

Wm. H. Siviter.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE GREEN APPLE—Continued.



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QUOTH a sad young physician named Procter,
As he sealed to his grocer a letter,
"It sometimes occurs I'm his Dr.
But oftener still I'm his Dr."—*Ex.*

IN one of his political campaigns, Governor Brough was pitted against Corwin. In the course of his speech the governor said: "Gentlemen, my honored opponent himself, while he preaches encouragement of home industry, has a carriage at home which he got in England—had it shipped across the ocean to him. How is that for supporting home industry and labor?" When Corwin's turn came, he began slowly and in a stammering, confused manner, as if he felt himself in a very embarrassing predicament. "Well, gentlemen," he said, "you have heard what my friend, Mr. Brough, has to say of my carriage. I plead guilty to the charges, and have only two things to say in my defense. The first is, that the carriage came to me from an English ancestor as an heirloom, and I had to take it; the second is, that I have not used it for seven years, and it has been standing in my back-yard all that time, and the chickens have converted it into a roost. Now, gentlemen, that is all the defense I have to offer: but before I go on with what I have to say upon the topics before us, I should like to ask how Brough happens to know anything about my carriage, unless he has been visiting my chicken roost?"—*Argonaut.*

RAILWAY OFFICIAL: M'sieu, your valet has been run over and cut into a dozen pieces!

LANGUID ENGLISHMAN: Haw! Be good enough, please, to bring the piece that—haw!—contains the key of my hat-box—haw!—*Half-Holiday.*

HE: The waters of Lake Ontario have almost been my home since I could pull an oar or manage a sail. I sometimes feel that I have derived part of my nature from them.

SHE (*newly arrived from England*): Indeed! It is a fresh-water lake, is it not?—*Grip.*

CALINO is about to get married.

"My dear, do you snore?" his sweetheart asked him the other day.

"Never, my sweet!"

"But how do you know?"

"I once kept awake all night to make sure."—*Le Figaro.*

SMALL BOY: Papa, has plums got legs?

PAPA: No, you silly boy. Why?

SMALL BOY: Then blessed if I haven't swallowed a beetle.—*Pick Me Up.*

GUEST: The roast turkey is splendid, madam.

HUSBAND: Yes, but then our cook is expecting her sweetheart here this afternoon.—*Dorfbarbier.*

POP-EYED COUNTRY PHOTOGRAPHER (*about to remove the cap*): Look this way, please.

SITTER: Not much, I won't. I wouldn't look like that in a picture fer nothin'.—*Light.*

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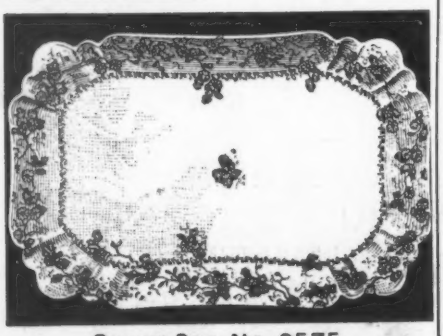

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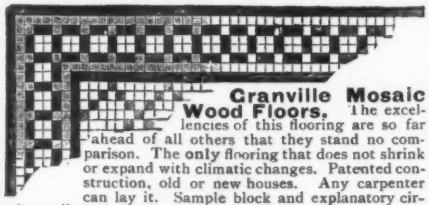

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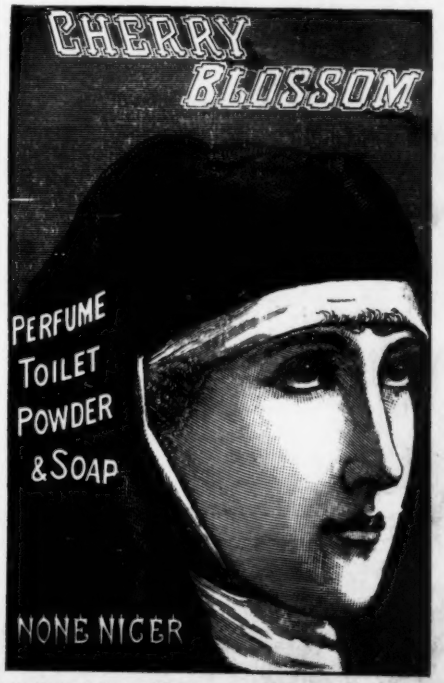

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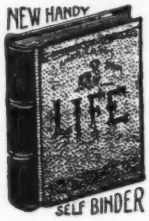

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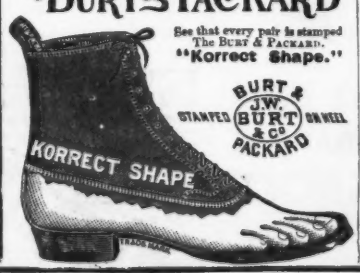

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